

# 2 Peter 1:12-21

## Remembering Truth When it Really Counts “...a primer to guard against false teaching” Understanding our Scriptures (Part 3)

### Our Inspiration (1:19-21)

#### Understanding Our Scriptures (1:12-21)

- Our Reminder (1:12-15) – To Remember
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- Our Inspiration (1:19-21) – The Holy Spirit

#### Today's Learning Objective:

- God's plan for His people has never changed. It is that we be constantly focusing on the TRUTH that God has given. We need nothing NEW. We need nothing MORE. We need nothing ELSE.
- We need constant reminders of the WORD. The testimony of EYEWITNESSES is fully creditable – nobody made up a story, nobody fooled them – they were there. They SAW They HEARD. It HAPPENED. You can BELIEVE IT!
- God's word is \_\_\_\_\_ – pay attention to it as a \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of \_\_\_\_\_ world, for He is \_\_\_\_\_ about His Word.

#### God's Sure Word (1:19-21)

*19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

#### I. Scriptures Provide Sure Confidence in God's Revelation (1:19)

- a. As we close out 2 Peter 1, Peter shows great concern for the spiritual health and well-being of these believers as he anticipates the time when he will no longer be present with them. He is preparing them (us) for the facing danger of false teachers and false doctrine (Chap. 2).
  - i. What do we know about Satan's work in opposing God and the people of God? (See Gen. 3:3-5)
    1. Satan claims that \_\_\_\_\_
    2. Satan offers a \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. The battle always focuses on the \_\_\_\_\_

- iii. Even God's people constantly want to drift away from His word. (Isa. 8:19-20; Gal. 1:6, 8-9)
- b. As Moses prepared for his departure, having led Israel for 40 years, he gave them final instructions and perspective regarding God's word: ( Deut. 32:45-47)  
"it is \_\_\_\_\_"
- c. Keep the word of God on your mind. \_\_\_\_\_; allow it to \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Joshua 1:5-7)
- d. The **first argument** in verses 16-18: Peter and the other apostles were Eyewitnesses of the Power and Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now in verse 19 Peter presents a **second argument** regarding the reliability and truthfulness of what is being preached about Jesus Christ: \_\_\_\_\_
- i. *Prophetic word* is a reference to \_\_\_\_\_; which have their fulfillment and focus in \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 24:27, 44-45)
- ii. "...the prophetic word made more sure..." - Word that is \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; more \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. "...to which you do well to pay attention." - False teachers are \_\_\_\_\_ and will \_\_\_\_\_ believers and \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God. (2 Pet. 2:2) Have you outgrown the need to be serious about the Word of God? How many of Christ's commands do you take seriously today? (Saul application – ref. Deut. 17:14-20; 1 Sam. 13; Matt. 28:20)
- f. "...as to a lamp shining in a dark place..." - The Word of God is the only \_\_\_\_\_ in a \_\_\_\_\_ world. (Ps. 119:105; 1 John 1:5; Eph. 6:12)
- g. "...until the day dawns and the morning star arises..." – This is a reference to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 13:12; Rev. 22:16). Do you think we still have to give the same attention and diligence to the Word today, as they did back when Peter wrote this letter?
- h. Grammatical view of "*in your hearts*" – connects to "you do well to pay attention"...in your hearts...knowing that no prophesy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation."

## II. Scripture Is not Matter of One's Own Interpretation (1:20)

- a. "...first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation." - Peter calls attention to the fact ("first of all") that this is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. The word translated *interpretation* means to \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_ something.
  - i. Prophets did not give their own interpretation of events, when God used signs, dreams and visions when He spoke to the prophets. Rather, it was the \_\_\_\_\_ in the prophet that brought God's word through the prophet (See the contrast and seriousness of God- Jer. 23:16; 25-27; Ezek 13:2, 6-10)
  - ii. True test of a prophet – (Deut. 13:1-5)
- c. "For no prophesy was ever made by an act of human will..." –Not one word came from the prophets' \_\_\_\_\_ dreams and interpretations – rather through God's spokesmen. (Including Paul – 2 Pet. 3:15)

### III. Holy Spirit Imparts Truth Through Godly Men (1:21)

- a. "...but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." –
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ are the spokesmen,
  - ii. "men moved" – means \_\_\_\_\_. Carried along by the Holy Spirit.
  - iii. Men \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. When God wanted to speak through a man, the Holy Spirit carried them along and \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Pet. 1:10) This is the God's work of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Peter: This prepares you for chapter 2.**

**Beware, there will be false teachers among you.**

**Pay attention, they will be clever, effective and appealing – but FALSE!**

**Be devoted to the Word –it is our Life!**